
South Dakota Department of Education

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

June 25, 2007- 10:00 - 5:00 pm

Kneip Building, Conference Room # 3 (700 Governors DR)

Pierre, South Dakota

Chairperson- Ms. Michele Cogley

Vice-chairperson- Ms. Lisa Heckenlaible

MINUTES

Members Present

Jim Dunston
Judy Hoscheid
Lisa Heckenlaible
Mark Krogstrand
Laura Johnson Frame
Greg Riley
Karn Barth
Nora Svatos
Greg Cooch
Heather Stettinichs
Elaine Roberts

Members Absent

Gail Eichstadt
Bernie Grimme
Michele Cogley
Nicole Haneke
Todd Christensen

Staff Members

Ray Tracy
Melissa Flor
Angie Boddicker
Merle Doolittle

Guest Speaker

Crystal Pauli, Ph.D. - Dakota State University, Madison, SD
Rita Pettigrew - Educational Specialist
Barb Boltjes - Educational Specialist
Brook Lusk - Black Hills Special Services

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson _____

Signature

Date

Call to Order

Lisa Heckenlaible, Vice Chairperson, called meeting to order June 25, 2007 at 10:00am and made opening remarks.

Welcome/Introductions/Open Remarks

Raymond Tracy, State Special Education Staff, introduced new panel member, Elaine Roberts - acting Director of Parent Connections. Guest speakers, Crystal Pauli - Dakota state University, Barb Boltjes - Education Specialist, Three Rivers Special Services Coop., Rita Pettigrew - Education Specialist, North Central Education Coop., and Brook Lusk- Black Hills Special Services were also introduced.

The panel would like to recognize Lisa Heckenlaible, who has led the panel over the past year. Lisa has provided a valuable service to the panel, which is greatly appreciated.

Members were informed of the names of prospective panel members that have been sent to the Governor's Office for approval.

Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Jim Dunston and seconded by Mark Krogstrand to accept the agenda for the June 25th, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from April 19th and 20th, 2007 Advisory Panel Meeting.

The meeting minutes from April 19th and 20th, 2007 were reviewed with two corrections noted. It was noted that priorities listed need to be changed and change the meeting date. Corrections noted and made. Motion for approval to except minutes, with corrections made, motion to approve minutes made by Mark Krogstrand and seconded by Greg Riley. It was moved to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Approval of Annual Report for 2006/2007 Advisory Panel.

The Annual Report for the 2006/2007 Advisory Panel was reviewed with additions and corrections noted. Heather Stettnichs moved to accept the report as written, motion seconded by Judy Hoscheid. Motion carried.

Public Comment- None

Election of new Officers for the 2007/2008 Advisory Panel.

Chairperson - Heather Stettnichs nominated Lisa Heckenlaible. Nora Svatos seconded the nomination. A vote was called for and the nomination passed.

Vice-chairperson - Greg Cooch Nominated Heather Stettnichs. Nora Svatos seconded nomination. A vote was called for and the nomination passed.

Director's Comments. Ann Larsen, State Director, was unable to attend the meeting.

Guest Speaker – Crystal Pauli – Assistant Professor, Director of Field Services, Dakota State University, Madison, SD.

Crystal presented handouts about the Dakota State University Teacher Program to the Panel members. Crystal presented information on:

- Special Education Teacher Programs and Placement; and
- Providing accommodations to students with disabilities at Dakota State University.

Broke for lunch

Reconvened

Guest Speaker – Rita Pettigrew – Education Specialist and Special Education Director, North Central Education Cooperative, Aberdeen.

Rita presented information concerning the need for speech language teachers in South Dakota.

Guest Speaker – Barb Boltjes – Education Specialist and Special Education Director, Three Rivers Special Services Cooperative, Midland, SD.

Barb presented to the panel information on the following issues:

- Monitoring of the State Penitentiary – The monitoring results and services provided to students were discussed.
- RtI Update – The pilot sites, trainings and program development were discussed.

SEP Staff Updates - Angela Boddicker, Melissa Flor and Guest Speaker - Brook Lusk - Black Hills Special Services Cooperative.

- **Assessment** - The department's current activities with the Dakota Step-A (Alternative) assessment, progress with Peer Review, and the development of alternative standards.
- **Monitoring** - Angela Boddicker presented to the panel about the changes occurring in the accountability (monitoring) process. This process uses the indicators found within the State Performance Plan when the SEA makes determinations about district programs.
- **Transition** - Brook Lusk and Melissa Flor presented the results of the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) 2007 held in Sioux Falls. YLF is a week-long training for students with disabilities to become self-advocates and to promote independent living skills. Also, Melissa presented on the transition training for secondary special education teachers. Both events occurred at the same time. There is more information on the website.

Due Process, Mediation and Complaints - Raymond Tracy

Due Process, Mediation and Complaints from the previous year were discussed with the panel. The panel reviewed the information.

Interagency Agreements - Raymond Tracy

The four Interagency Agreements that the Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Services and Supports has with other participating agencies were discussed. The panel discussed the upcoming due dates for new agreements.

Meeting Dates discussed for the upcoming year.

Tentative Dates:

October 18 & 19, 2007 in Rapid City

January 3 & 4, 2008 (Via DDN)

April 24 & 25, 2008 in Sioux Falls or Mitchell

June 23 & 24, 2008 in Pierre

Upcoming Meeting

October 18th & 19th, 2007, at the Black Hills Children's Home in Rapid City - 10:00 A.M. on the 18th (MST) and 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (MST) on the 19th.

Motion for accepting dates for upcoming year was made by Mark Krogstrand and seconded by Karn Barth. Motion carried.

Closing Remarks

The panel discussed future agenda items to be on the next meeting's agenda.

- Introduction of new panel members
- Orientation for new panel members
- Yearly planning
- Term limits

Adjournment

Heather Stettinichs motioned to adjourn the meeting and Greg Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.